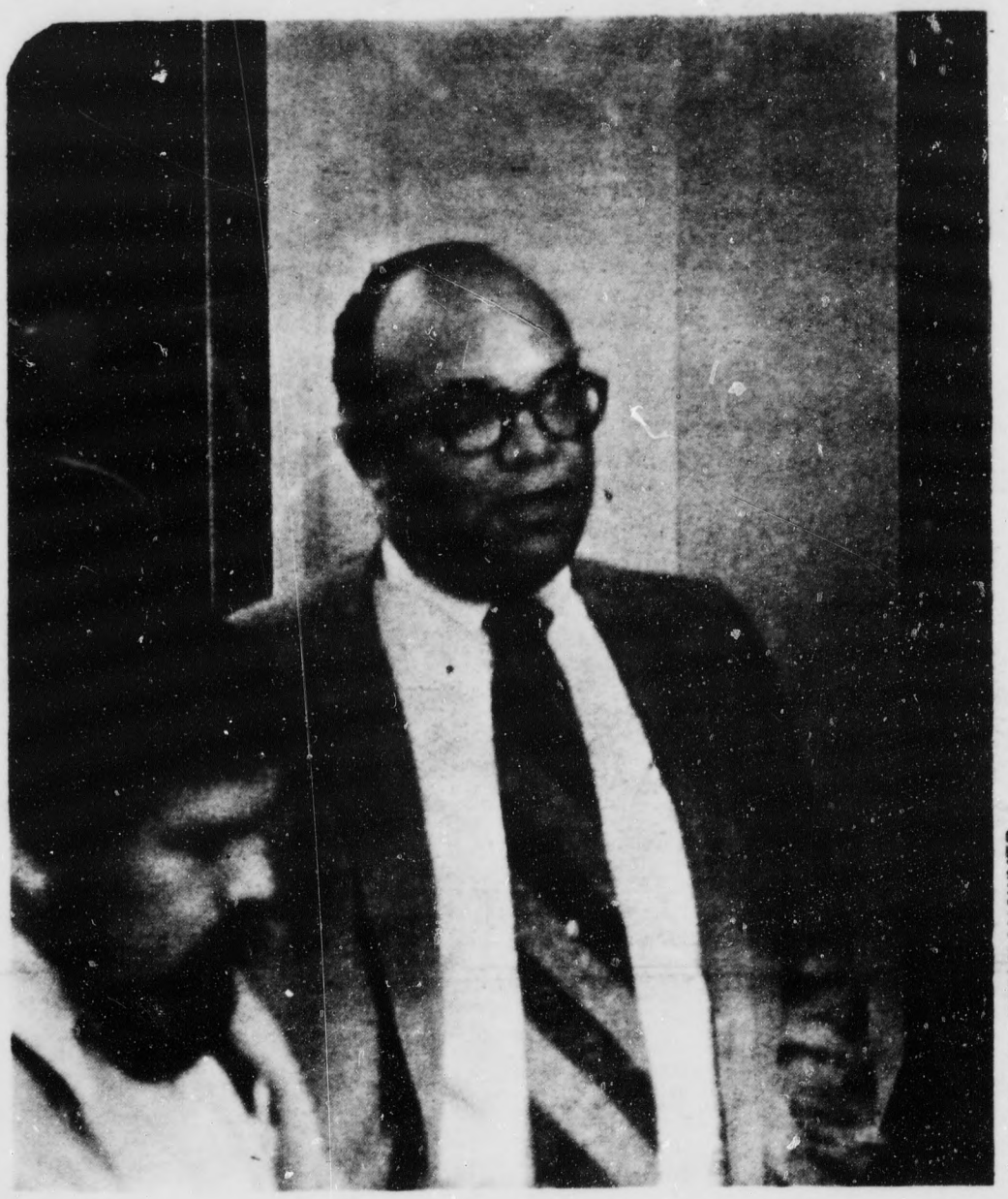
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CONFRONTATION

President James Bond finally received his initiation Friday when students from the Mexican American Education Project entered his office en masse. They demanded that their side of the story, concerning allegations by SSU Foundation Director Eugene Morris that the program was being mis-managed, be made public.

A press conference had been called 30 minutes earlier, in an attempt to clarify their views on the projects placement under the administrative hand of Dean Carter, Chairman of the School of Education.

Plans had been made to meet with Dr. Bond at this time. However, he refused to meet with students while the press was in attendence . In a forceful, yet reasonable display of emotion, students demanded the president solicit more information before making any decision about the Program.

A meeting had been planned later that day with three administrators. After much prodding my students, the president relented and allowed four project members to attend that meeting.

Later that evening it was announced that administrative handling would be made by Dean David Ballesteros and not Dean Carter.

Additional information regarding that confrontation will appear in Wednesday's Hornet.



MEXICAN AMERICAN PROJECT CRIES FOR VOICE IN OWN DESTINY

By ANTHONY CISNEROS

Dr. James G. Bond, President of California State University, Sacramento, announced on October 2 a series of administrative changes in the Mexican American Education Project. The most important was the transfer of fiscal responsibility from the hands of the SSU Foundation director, Eugene Morris, to the office of University Business Manager Stanley W. Pretzer.

In his statement Dr. Bond said, "I want to say that, in my opinion, the Foundation administration, in its zealous efforts to insure the fiscal responsibility in the Mexican American Education Project, has on occasion overstepped its role of financial overseer and moved into areas of academic concern where its qualifications can be questioned."

Dr. Bond further said that "Many of the problems which have been brought to light by the recent allegations and audit reports have been in existence almost from the inception of the program. There have been rapid shifts in the administration of the Project during its history. There has been consistently unclear direction and supervision from the University that could have provided continuity and quality control."

The Mexican American Education Project, a federally funded program that trains bilingual, bicultural educators has been under attack for the past three months. Charges of mismanagement, chiseling and waste have been leveled against the Project in a number of newspaper stories. Newspaper reports were based on a confidential report authored by Eugene Morris, Director of the SSU Foundation, and on a questionable chain of events involving the SSU Foundation, university officials, chancellor's office, Board of Trustees, and key newspaper reporters.

These reports, in the eyes of the public, have charged, tried, and convicted the Mexican American Education Project in a manner which Project personnel believe has violated the purpose of the project. It is the opinion of the project that the news reports have given a distorted negative impression to the public.

The following events led to a climax early this month.

In early January the Community Advisory Board of the Project in writing and in conference with the former President of the college, Bernard L. Hyink , expressed their concerns about harrassment by the SSU Foundation Director, Eugene Morris. They charged that Morris was systematically and overtly attempting to prevent the Project from functioning effectively.

That same month, the director of the Project, Steve Arvizu, in a formal presentation before the Foundation's Board of Governors, outlined his concerns with documentation to substantiate charges made against the Foundation. One of his requests was the Foundation Director Eugene Morris' contract not be reviewed until his performance had been adequately evaluated or the Project's concerns had been adequately reviewed.

In February, the President appointed a three-man committee to investigate the situation and to make recommendations to the Board and President.

Late that month an undated and signed report by Foundation Director Eugene Morris was given to the Board of Governors, the chancellor's office, the library and others. It contained a list of allegations and charges concerning mismanagement, irregularities, and misuse of funds within the Project.

In early March the concerns and charges presented in early January to the President and the SSU Foundation Board of Governors were submitted in summary form.

In April, due to the Morris report, Mike Mojica was sent from the chancellor's office to investigate the Project. Mojica's report has not been made public.

Another team of investigators was sent from the chancellor's office to do a comprehensive investigation and analysis of the charges made in the Morris Report.

This report was made by Ed Macias and Bob Bess. It has not been made public. However, there are indications that both reports are critical of the SSU Foundation and of the Sacramento University administration.

During the months after April the chancellor's office requested University officials to respond to the Morris Report. Meetings were held concerning the Mexican American Project. Staff and board members from the Project were excluded.

On August 11, the Sacramento Union featured a front-page story (CHISELING AND WASTE AT SSU) criticizing the Project and paraphrasing the contents of the Morris Report. At the time of the news story the Morris Report was confidential and under review; it was the sole basis for the Union article.

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LETTERS

A Look at Jupiter

Editor, the State Hornet:

Tonight (Tuesday, October 17) Harold Simmonds of the Sacramento Valley Astronomical Society will make available to Prof. Ibser's astronomy class and anv other interested persons his 18 inch reflector, for the purpose of viewing Jupiter and its satellites, the moon, and other celestial objects Mr. Simmonds' telescope is an excellent instrument, and some good clear air should be available after our recent rains. Persons attending should bring a warm garment.

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H.W. Ibser, Prof. of Physics

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MEXICAN AMERICANS SEEK VOICE

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Certain campus officials, including personnel from the chancellor's office, were aware several days in advance that the story was being written. None of the Project staff were invited to discuss the story with the reporter.

In mid-August, Fred Dalton and Russel Young, from the Internal Auditors and Trustees staff, conducted an independent investigation of the Project. Their report was based upon infrequent visits to the campus and few interviews with Project staff.

Dalton's report was distributed to members of the Audit Committee and Board of Trustees. The report was made available to reporters of the San Francisco Examiner and Sacramento Union. To this date the staff of the Mexican American Project has not been able to see or review the contents of the Dalton report.

Project personnel have welcomed investigation after investigation and have followed the internal chain of command in order to prove their innocence. Project personnel do not believe their treatment by the SSU Foundation. The Director, the news media, University officials, and the Trustees has been on the same level.

The staff of the Mexican American Education Project has challenged the Foundation and SSU or state officials to prove or clarify the charges which have discredited an otherwise successful program. Complaints have been filed with the Sacramento Human Relations Commission, the Office of Civil Rights, and Health, Education, and Welfare requesting review not only of the Project but of the SSU Foundation itself.

The Mexican American Education Project expressed its belief that the public has the right to know the truth and claims the right to investigate the following unanswered question:

1. Why is it that a list of particulars concerning the charges has never been provided to the Project staff?
2. If the charges of chiseling and mismanagement are true, why have there been no indictments of Project personal or terminations? Why isn't Steve Arvizu in jail?
3. Why have staff and the Community Advisory Board of the Project been systematically excluded from meetings concerning the Project?
4. Why is the report by Mr. Mojica, of the chancellor's office, not public information?
5. Why hasn't the report by Mr. Macias/Mr. Bess, of the chancellor's office been made public?
6. Why do newspaper reporters have the privilege of access to the Dalton report or its summary when Project Directors do not?
7. Why after four years is the program now being attacked and criticized?
8. There have been five directors (the first three were Anglo), during the four years of the program's existence. Why is it that only now the two Chicano directors are having their salaries, (which are lower than those of their Anglo predecessors), and professional activities called into question?
9. Why don't present directors have contracts or offers of employment for the current year as stipulated in the grant?
10. After accepting nearly $2 million dollars of federal money under a contract to institutionalize this program, why is it that the University is now withdrawing support of matching state funds?
11. What harm can come from an H.E.W. Office of Civil Rights, investigation?
12. Why haven't the original charges brought against the SSU foundation and Eugene Morris in January been answered?
13. Why have University officials repeatedly asked the Project staff not to make statements to the press?

In President Bond's statement, he indicated that this Project has consistantly provided to the community and nation a model for bilingual, bicultural education.

The Department of Health, Education, and Welfare has reacted to this program with high praise. Efforts are underway now in a number of other universities to initiate programs similar to the SSU effort. The Project staff believes it deserves communities understanding and support as current problems are resolved.

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